



Charter Review Commission

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From: Clallam County Charter Review Commission
To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners

Request from Clallam County Charter Review Commissioner to Clallam County Commissioners and Department of Community Development (DCD) to jointly agree to commission a third party review of the County ordinances and solicit a report on proposed changes to ordinances and operating procedures to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the DCD.

Whereas: Clallam County has the only elected DCD in the State of Washington, and

Whereas: Section 4.25 urges dealing with the problem locally by stating “Ordinances shall be reviewed and amended if necessary, by December 31, 2004 to incorporate changes required by the conversion from an appointed administrative position to an elected office” and

Whereas: A review of Clallam County ordinances has failed to find changes made to address the conversion of Director of DCD from appointed administrative position to an elected office, and

Whereas: The voters deserve to know how their vote as resulted in a change in the powers and duties from appointed DCD to an elected DCD Director, and

Whereas: There is a remedy to help the voters understand these differences:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission recommends

The BOCC and the DCD shall jointly agree to commission a third party review of the County ordinances and solicit a report on proposed changes to ordinances and operating procedures to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the DCD. The BOCC will consider, after public review and hearings, any proposed ordinances for adoption within 120 days of the receipt of the commissioned report. BOCC shall place on the November 2022 ballot, if needed, any necessary charter changes to clarify the powers and duties of an elected DCD Director

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